



# PRESCHOOL FOR ALL NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2022



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and relaxing winter break! It is so nice to see all of my friends back at school!

### CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

December was certainly a busy month! We finished working on our Signs Study and we went on a color hunt around the classroom. We talked about where we see signs and how signs help us. We played a game where the students had to try to name the correct store by looking at their signs! The students were great at finding the different signs from their neighborhood!

We also worked on some fun holiday activities. The students enjoyed making their handprint reindeer to bring home as a special surprise. We played a holiday bingo game, matched presents to the correct letters and decorated a tree using Fruit Loops! We were sad to miss our gingerbread house event but hopefully, everyone enjoyed creating their houses at home together!

This month, we are beginning to work on our Tubes and Tunnels Study. We will start by learning what we know about tubes and tunnels. Then we will discuss the characteristics of tubes and tunnels and where we find tubes and tunnels. We will also work on some winter activities as the cold weather sets in!

### OUTDOOR TIME

Just a reminder, we try to get outside for our gross motor time when the weather permits. This means we spend time outside when the temperature (with wind chill) is 30 degrees or above, as long as the park/blacktop are not covered in too much snow and ice. Please remember to dress your child appropriately, including warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

Also, our large motor time at the park is an important part of our daily schedule and curriculum. To ensure students are receiving their full large motor time at the park, we ask that parents and older siblings picking up students do not approach the park area/fence until preschoolers are lining up to go home. We greatly appreciate your cooperation!

## ABSENCES

In light of the recent surge in COVID cases, we ask that you be extra vigilant in monitoring any cold or flu-like symptoms that your child may have. Our number one priority is to keep our students and staff safe and healthy and in-person! If your child will be absent for any reason, we ask that you please call the office at (708) 423-3078. The office staff will be able to offer guidance as to when students may return after an illness.

Also, please take a minute to review with your children the proper way to wear a mask. Our students are doing great wearing the masks but often need reminders to keep the mask over their noses!

## SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, January 17 – No classes – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Friday, January 28 – Regular day for Preschool (bus riders leave at 1:15)**
- **Friday, February 18 – Regular day for Preschool (bus riders leave at 1:15)**
- **Monday, February 21 – No School – President’s Day**

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me via Seesaw, call me at (708) 423-3078 or email me at [cbrychel@ahsd125.org](mailto:cbrychel@ahsd125.org).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Brychel

